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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONTRABAND BLOOD SHIPMENT

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- 1. CHIEF URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS PASSED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO EMBASSY CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONTRABAND SHIPMENT OF BLOOD FROM BRAZIL VIA CARRASCO AIRPORT MONTEVIDEO TO MIAMI.
- 2. SUSPECTED SHIPMENT MAY BE CONTAINED IN SHIPMENT OF SHOES OF BRAZILIAN ORIGIN TO WOHL SHOE COMPANY, MIAMI, FLORIDA. SHIPMENT CONSISTS OF 13 CASES CONTAING 9,720 PAIRS SHOES WITH GROSS WEIGHT OF 7,757 KILOS.
- 3. MERCHANDISE ARRIVES MONTEVIDEO JULY 18, AND WILL LEAVE JULY 20 OR 21 FOR MIAMI ABOARD AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN NAME OF ARGENTINE CARRIER "AEREO TRANSPORTE ENTRE RIOS." URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS PREFER NOT INVESTIGATE SHIPMENT HERE BELIEVING THAT IF IT DOES CONTAIN CONTRABAND BLOOD, SUCH PROCEUDRE WOULD INTERFERE WITH FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS IN US RE CONNECTIONS THERE. URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS STRESS THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE FIRM INFORMATION THAT THIS SHIPMENT DOES CONTAIN CONTRABAND BLOOD BUT HAVE INFORMATION INDICATING IT MIGHT AS RESULT PAST PATTERN OF SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING COMPANIES CONCERNED.
- 4. WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT FOLLOWING SHIPMENT'S ARRIVAL IN MIAMI.

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